

## THE TIMES DAILY SERIAL STORY.

## Darkness and Dawn

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## Synopsis of Chapters Already Published

After a lapse of hundreds of years, Allen Stern, a consulting engineer, and his stenographer, Beatrice Kendrick, wake from an unprecedented sleep in the tower of the Metropolitan Building. Everything beneath them has gone to ruin and decay. The old city of New York is now a forest, and they are apparently the only two alive in the world. They procure skins to cover their nakedness and food from glass jars which have withstood the ravages of time.

In a few days Stern discovers a primitive implement, a spear, and a primitive human being, showing that the world is inhabited by others. In desperation, he endeavors to establish a system of signals from the tower, seeking to communicate with other members of his own race.

CHAPTER XVII.  
Stern's Resolve.

How long it lasted, what its meaning, its details, the watchers could not tell. Impossible, from that height and in that gloom, broken only by an occasional pale gleam of moonlight through drifting clouds, to judge the fortunes of this primitive war.

They knew not the point at issue nor the tide of victory or loss. They knew that back and forth the torches flared, the war-drums boomed and rattled, the shouting and the demoniac hordes surged in a swirl of bestial murder-lust.

And so time passed, and fewer grew the drums, yet the torches flared on, and as the first gray dawn went flaring up the sky there came a break, a light, a merciful pursuit.

Dimly the man and woman up aloft saw things that ran and shrieked and were cut down, saw things that were in the forest that died even as they killed, and mingled the howl of triumph with the bubbling gasp of dissolution.

"Oh," a shudder drew Beatrice away from the window. "Some, it's getting light again, it's too clear now—come away."

She yielded, waking as it were from the horrid fix she had held her spellbound. Down she sat on her bed of furs, covered her eyes with her hands, and for a while remained quite motionless.

Stern watched her, and again his hand sought the revolver butt. "I ought to have waded into that bunch long ago," he thought. "We both ought to have. What it's all about, who could tell? But it's an outrage against the light itself. We both of us, even dead though it be. If it hadn't been for wasting good ammunition for nothing—"

A curious, guttural whine down there in the forest attracted his attention. Over to the window he strode and once again peered down.

A change had come upon the scene, a sudden, radical change. No more the sounds of combat rose, but now a dull, clamorous murmur as of victory and preparation for some ghastly rite.

Already in the center of the wood, hard by the spring, a little fire had been lighted. Even as Stern looked, dim moving figures, based on wood, and moving in a whirling, dancelike spiral upward; he saw dense smoke, followed by a larger flame.

And, grouped around this, already some hundreds of the now paling torches cast their livid glare.

On to one side he could just distinguish what seemed to be a group engaged in some activity—but what this might be he could not determine. Yet, all at once a scream of pain burst out therefrom, and then a gasping cry that ended quickly and did not come again.

Another shriek, and still a third, and now into the leaping flames some dark, misshapen things were flung, and a great shout arose.

Then rose also a shrill, sing-song whine, and suddenly drums roared, now with a different cadence.

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## Thrust.

In a suffrage debate in Omaha last month, Miss Millicent M. Miller, the suffragist leader, and Dr. C. Thompson Morton, the well-known anti-suffragist, pinked one another very neatly with barbed stories.

"Women are cold, callous, calculating," said Dr. Morton. "I know a youth, an Omaha youth, who, overbidding with passionate heart, has a heart at a pretty Omaha girl's feet."

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Deliver Lecture on Boy  
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Minister ArrivesThe Titanic Disaster Puts  
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fairs Here.

The regular weekly reception will be held at the Congressional Club this afternoon at 4 o'clock, with E. S. Martin, at the head of the Boy Scout movement, as the guest of honor. Mr. Martin will deliver an illustrated lecture on playgrounds, and will be accompanied by a group of members of the Boy Scouts, who will give a demonstration of "first aid to the injured" and other of their military attainments for the benefit of the club members.

Tea will be served after the lecture, Mrs. J. J. Russell, of Missouri, and Mrs. James Brown Scott presiding at the tea table. A large bowl of Easter dices adorned the table. Assisting in receiving the guests and dispensing the hospitalities will be Mrs. Pomeroy, wife of Senator Pomeroy of Ohio; Mrs. William Graves Sharp, wife of Congressman Sharp of Ohio; Mrs. Charles D. Davis, wife of Congressman Davis of Minnesota; Mrs. William Schley Howard, wife of Congressman Howard of Georgia; Mrs. James D. Byrnes, wife of Congressman Byrnes of South Carolina; Miss Currier, of New Hampshire, and Miss Granger, of Rhode Island.

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In sharp contrast to the numerous festivities scheduled for tonight is the atmosphere of gloom pervading society, and as a tribute to the dead practically all formal functions have been canceled.

The annual hunt ball at the Chevy Chase Club, at which the wife of the President was to have received the guests for the committee this evening, has been indefinitely postponed and numerous dinner parties, including one which the Second Secretary of the German Embassy and Minister Kneinin had arranged, have been called off.

Yesterday it was decided to abandon plans for the Society Circus for the benefit of the Washington Diet Kitchen scheduled for next Friday and Saturday, and which was to have been one of the most spectacular performances ever given in Washington. Most of the performers have lost heart because of the general social depression, and an effort will be made to raise the necessary funds by subscription instead.

Miss Wynne, president of the Diet Kitchen, will be glad to receive any contributions at her residence, at 1740 N street. Most of the boxholders have many who had bought tickets. Money will be refunded to all those who so desire.

Mrs. Taft and Daughter to Visit in South.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft expect to leave Washington early next week for a brief visit to Charleston, S. C.

Miss Taft's house guests, the Misses Roelker, of New York, have returned to their home.

Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Taft will be hostess at a small musicale at the White House, having as her guests the donors of the German Embassy in Washington.

William T. Klotz, of Huntington, N. Y., has joined Robert Taft at the White House for a few days' visit.

Capt. Albert Gleaves, in command of the naval training station at Newport, entertained at luncheon today in honor of Commander Retzmann, formerly naval attaché of the German Embassy who is at Newport awaiting orders for sea duty.

Mrs. Frederick E. Chapin recalled the invitations for the luncheon she was to have given today in honor of Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador.

Mrs. Frederick Keep and Miss Williams have gone abroad to spend the summer.

Mrs. R. Harris and daughter, Miss Lillian Harris, of New York, are visiting Mrs. Phil King, of the Mendota.

Mrs. A. J. Barfield, of the Gotham, has as her guest, Mrs. Veux, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Newmeyer, of the Stafford, left Washington during the week to spend some time in Atlantic City.

Rabbi and Mrs. Louis Stern and Rabbi and Mrs. Abram Simon, who attended the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which was held in Baltimore, have returned to Washington.

Miss Florence Gaudert, of Eighteenth street, has as her guest her cousin, Miss Dorothy Garner, of Newport News, Va.

Miss Hermine Bennett, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Lorraine Herman, of the Beacon.

Miss Rena Schwartz and Miss Carrie Bass, of Baltimore, spent a few days during the week in Washington.

Miss Jennie Rice, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Baltimore and Washington, has returned to her home in Chicago.

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